Foreign funds

807. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the organisations, namely (i) India Development Service International Dharwar, Karnataka, (ii) Rural Development and Education Society, Kolar District Karnataka; (iii) Village Education and Development Society, Pangada, Tumkur District, Karnataka; and (iv) Transnational Centre, Dharwar, Karnataka have received funds from abroad under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during the years 1981 to 1984;

(b) if so, the amounts received year-wise; and

(c) the countries from where the funds originated and the names of the organisations which have contributed the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) India Development Service International Dharwar, Karnataka, Village Education and Development Society, Pangada, Tumkur District, Karnataka and Transnational Centre, Dharwar, Karnataka have reported the receipt of funds from abroad under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during the years 1981 to 1984. Rural Development and Education Society, Kolar District Karnataka has not reported receipt of funds during the above period.

(b) and (c) Information is annexed [See Appendix VXLI. Annexure No. 31]

Foreign funds

808. SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the institutions, namely Seva Mandir, Udaipur; Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal, Udaipur; Sachetak, Ghantali Banswara Rajasthan and Social Work and Research Centre, Tilinia Rajasthan have been receiving foreign contributions under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during the period 1981 to 1984;

(b) if so, the amounts received by these institutions year-wise; and

(c) the countries from where the funds have originated and the names of the organisations which have contributed the funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Seva Mandir, Udaipur, and Social Work and Research Center, Tilonia, Rajasthan have reported the receipt of foreign contribution under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act, 1976 during the period 1981 to 1984. Ubeshwar Vikas Mandal, Udaipur and Sachetak, Ghantali Banswara, Rajasthan have not reported the receipt of foreign contribution.

(b) and (c) Information is annexed [See Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 32]

Status of foreign nationals in Assam

809. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:

SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the Sikkim Chief Minister's statement as reported in the Times of India, January 4, 1987 issue to the effect that in Assam, 1971 had been accepted as the cut-off year for determining the status of all foreign nationals and this applied to the Nepalese also in that State and that there could not be different laws for this purpose in

different States and also that the cut-off year in Sikkim earlier than 1975 could not be, because the Chogyal's mountain Kingdom merged in India in that year; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A Central team consisting of senior officers visited Gangtok in January, 1987 and discussed with the Chief Minister, Sikkim various aspects of the problem relating to 'stateless' citizens in Sikkim.

Import of capital and technology

810. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state·

(a) whether the former Union Cabinet Minister and a leading economist, Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao, While inaugurating the 8th World Economist Congress in Delhi in December last had warned that the present indiscriminate import of capital and technology would adversely affect India's credit-rating and may also plunge India into "debt-trap"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction and response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) Dr. V. K. R. V. Rao's speech delivered at the 8th World Economist Congress on 1st December, 1986, referred to in the Question, includes the following passage:—

"Import of Capital has to be paid for, and mostly at market rates; and our long standing record of credit-rating and avoidance of the debt trap may soon come to an end with our planned efforts to speed up development. Imported technology carries with it. Its own unwelcome conditions and gives no chance for its indigenisation and subsequent domestic development. Our balance of payments is getting out of gear. Export induced investments and operations may themselves induce more inputs, creating a vicious circle of imports chasing exports, even assuming that our export drive, shorn of incentives at the expense of public revenues and domestic requirements, will take off the ground and not fall a victim to the lure of a profitable elitist domestic market."

The above passage does not say that there is indiscriminate import of capital and technology at present. The improved access to imported technology and capital goods and other inputs implicit in recent policy measures for exporters was to enable increased exports.

Loss of forest land

811. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an area of more than 43 lakh hectares of forest land has been lost till date since 1952 and furthermore nearly 7 lakh hectares of forest land is under encroachment in various States and Union Territories; and

(b) if so, what are the details and consequences thereof?

TEH MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Yes, Sir.